

BRIEFE PRIN- ciples of religion, for the exercise of youth:

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D Emaund. How wast thou
created?

Answer. By the hand of
God.

The first
parte pro-
nounceth
our con-
demnation:

De. VVhat is God?

An. He is almightie, creator of
all things, incomprehensible, inuisi-
ble, eternal, preseruer and gouernour
of heauen and earth. &c.

De. Why did he create thee?

An. To serue him.

De. What seruice requireth hee
of thee?

An. Obedience to his lawes.

De. Which are they?

An. God spake all these wordes:

1 Thou shalt haue none other
Gods but me.

Exod. 20. 3.
the 1st.

2 Thou shalt not make to thy self
any grauen Image, nor the likenesse
of any thing that is in heauē aboue,

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no2 in the earth beneath, no2 in the water vnder the earth : thou shalt not bow downe to them no2 worship them.

3 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lorde thy God in vaine.

4 Remember that thou keepe holy the Saboth day.

5 Honour thy father & mother.

6 Thou shalt doe no murther.

7 Thou shalt not commit adul-

8 Thou shalt not steale. (tery.

9 Thou shalt not beare false witnesse against thy neighbour.

10 Thou shalt not desyre thy neighbours house : thou shalt not covet thy neighbours wife, no2 his servant, no2 his Maide, no2 his Dre, no2 his Ass, no2 any thing that is thy neighbours.

De. Art thou bounde to obserue these precepts, in thought worde and dedde?

An. Yea, for if I breake but one of them in thought, once onely in all my lyfe, I shall be guiltie of eternal death.

De. Is eternall death then the reward

wardc of breaking these statutes?

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An. Yea.

De. Doest thou keepe them?

An. No, no, no man liuing.

De. Then thou grauntest thy self, with all men worthye of Gods displeasure and eternall damnation.

An. Yea trulye, I feele Gods wrath, & see hell to be my proper inheritance, and the fruites of my deserte.

*De. How shalt thou escape gods wrath and this damnation?

*The second
declareth
our de-
liuerie by
Christ.

An. Onely by Iesus Christ.

De. How shall he saue thee?

An. Because he being God and man, hath suffered al the punishmēt due for my sinnes, and fulfilled the law.

De. Shall all men be saued by Christ?

An. No, none but such as beleue effectually in him.

De. Who beleue thus in him?

An. They onelie whiche assure themselves that all his sufferinges was for them, and so trauell mortification of the flesh.

A.2.

De.

De. Who assures thee of this be-
leeve?

An. The holy ghost works it by
hearing the word preached.

De. Declare the effect of thy be-
leeve.

An. **I** beleue in God the Father
almighty, maker of heauen &
earth. And in Iesus Christ his
only sonne our Lord. Which
was conceived by the holye Ghost,
borne of the Virgin Mary. Suffer-
ed vnder Ponce Pilate, was crue-
cified dead and buried. Hee dis-
cended into hell. The thirde day hee
rose againe from the dead. He ascen-
ded into heauen, & sitteth on the right
hande of God the father almighty.
From thence he shall come to iudge
the quick and the dead. I beleue in
the holy ghost. The holy Catholyke
Church. The Communion of saints.
The forgiveness of sinnes. The re-
surrection of the body, and the lyfe e-
uerlasting. Amen.

De. Is thy faith perfect as soone
as thou beleeuest?

An. No, but increaseth continu-
ally

ally by hearing the worde preached,
with vsing y Sacraments & prayers.

De. How many Sacramentes be
there?

An. Two, Baptisme and the
Lordes supper.

De. What meanest y by Baptisme?

An. It declareh the washing a-
way of my finnes by Chzistes blood,
and my new birth.

De. Then without this sacrament
none can assure the selues of saluatiō.

An. I say not so, Gods grace is
not tyed to outwarde signes: we be-
leeue his promise, & therefore doubt
not, but the children of the faithfull
are saued, which dye befoze they be
baptised.

De. What thinkest thou by the
Lordes Supper?

An. I beleue, that as my body is
nourished w y bread there broken, &
wine powzed forth, that even so my
soule is nourished spirituallye by
Chzistes body broken, & blond shed
for the remission of my finnes.

De. Are all, named Christians, fit
to receaue this sacrament?

A.3.

An.

*The thirde
our duty to
God for all
his benefits.

An. No, none but such as are able to discern the Lords body.

*De. Thou saydest, prayer was a help to encrease faith.

An. Yea, for it assures me that I shall haue all that I aske in Christes name, according to Gods word.

De. What praieest thou for?

An. For such things as y^e Lords hath taught me, Saying:

Our Father whiche art in heauen, halowed bee thy name. Thy kingdome come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heauen. Giue vs this day our dayly bread. And forgive vs our trespasses, as we forgive the that trespass against vs. And lead vs not into temptation. But deliuer vs from euil. For thine is the kingdom, & power, & the glory, for ever & ever. Amen.

De. Doest thou pray to god onely, and not to the saintes?

An. Yea, for prayer is due to god onely.

De. Art y^e not bound to God for this thy wonderful creatiō, preseruation, & deliucry from eternal death?

An.

An. Yea, so I account my selfe.

De. What duties craues he at thy hands for the same?

An. To serue & honour him precisely, according to his word: which I purpose to do, as he by his holy spirit shall enable mee, knowing & he shinneth to none but & elect, which laboꝝ according to their measure in reforming themselves, wth a certaine persuasion that Christ hath performed al their duties, & discharged their disobedience, in which holy work, God giue me strength (for Christes sake) to labour all the dayes of my lyfe.

De. Euen so. And God encrease thy faith, to the full assurance of thy saluation in CHRISTE.

God saue our Queene Elizabeth.

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